

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH RYAN TAGGART FOR COACHING THE GARAWAY GOLF TEAM TO WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach Ryan Taggart showed hard work and dedication to the sport of golf; and

Whereas, Mike Taggart was a leader and mentor for the Garaway Golf Team; and

Whereas, Coach Taggart has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the greens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Ryan Taggart for leading the Garaway Golf Team to winning the Division III State Golf Tournament. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007 golf season.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KBT
CHANNEL 4—BEAUMONT, TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to honor KBT Channel 4 in Beaumont, TX on their 50th year of service to the Southeast Texas Community.

Community involvement is a tradition at KBT Channel 4. Whether it is emceeding a local fundraiser or volunteering on boards and committees, KBT Channel 4 employees are an active part in the community in which they live and serve. They also host the Golden Apple Awards, which honors local teachers for their role in educating and developing the minds of Southeast Texas children.

The importance of passionately and accurately reporting on issues that affect our community cannot be overstated. Over the past 50 years KBT Channel 4 has earned the reputation of a hard-working diligent news team. A reputation such as this only arises through hard work and commitment to the community that you serve. Hurricanes and floods have not been able to stop KBT Channel 4 from informing the public when it matters most. The Second Congressional District of Texas is extremely fortunate to have a first-class news station such as KBT Channel 4.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SISTERS
OF SAINT JOSEPH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and to celebrate over 110 years of faithful service to Cleveland and Saint Colman Church.

Since the Sisters of Saint Joseph arrived in Cleveland in 1886, they have been tireless ministers to our most vulnerable neighbors. The Sisters founded the East and West Side Catholic Shelters, the West Side Catholic Center, Transitional Housing, and Seeds of Literacy, among others, in order to serve the poor and marginalized, as well as empower people to overcome obstacles.

As stewards of the health and well-being of the whole person, they founded Saint Joseph's Academy to educate Cleveland's young women, as well as River's Edge to nurture our spiritual health.

The Sisters remain committed to peace and justice issues in the community and throughout the world, conducting educational workshops and hosting trips to promote peaceful resolution to conflict, improve ecumenical dialogue, and combat violence and oppression.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Sisters of Saint Joseph for over 110 years of service to Cleveland and the pursuit of peace. As we celebrate the feast of Saint Colman of Cloyne, may we all aspire to the dedication and generosity of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

RECOGNIZING 200 YEARS OF RESEARCH SERVICE, AND STEWARDSHIP BY NOAA AND ITS PREDECESSOR AGENCIES

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 147, which recognizes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) 200th anniversary. When President Thomas Jefferson originally established the first Federal science agency, Survey of the Coast, in 1807, its mandate was to create charts for safe navigation. Over the years, bureaus related to the regulation and protection of our fisheries, the study of weather and climate change, and many other important responsibilities were added. Today, this agency, now known as NOAA, has a global reach and a broad range of programs that touch all our lives.

From promoting waterborne commerce and fisheries to predicting weather and global cli-

mate change, NOAA's role is crucial to our Nation. I'm particularly proud of the National Marine Sanctuaries, which were created under NOAA's jurisdiction in 1972. In Northern California, we are privileged to have three such sanctuaries, the Monterey National Marine Sanctuary, the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. With our oceans and marine life increasingly threatened, these sanctuaries play an invaluable role in enhancement and protection.

The importance of the sanctuaries was recently highlighted when an oil spill polluted the precious waters of the San Francisco Bay with 58,000 gallons of oil. NOAA and marine sanctuary staff stepped in and provided key assistance in the clean-up and oil containment efforts. We were lucky to have them there. It's events like this that really highlight some of the important work done by NOAA and the marine sanctuaries.

This resolution is the product of the Resource Committee's leadership and I appreciate their introducing this resolution to honor NOAA's important work over the last 200 years. I hope that over the next 200 years, we are able to provide NOAA and the marine sanctuaries with the necessary resources and assistance to continue and expand upon the key work that it does.

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HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to express concern about the lack of progress that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has made on the issue of hurricane tracking and prediction.

Yesterday, the House passed a resolution honoring the 200th anniversary of NOAA, celebrating NOAA's many accomplishments. I voted for this resolution because the work of the men and women of NOAA has been and continues to be critical to keeping my constituents and the rest of our country safe from the threats of the hurricane season.

However, I continue to be uncomfortable with the management of NOAA's decision to spend \$4 million for a public relations campaign about its anniversary celebration. To spend \$4 million dollars at a time when resources should be applied to assessing and supporting one of the most critical weather tools in hurricane tracking and prediction, the Quick Scatterometer (QuikSCAT) satellite, is completely unacceptable.

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